



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
June 4, 2009 Board Meeting
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Street
Pasadena, California

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Ann Lutz at 9:12 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Chair Mary Ann Lutz, Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld, Steve Blois, Fran Diamond, Maribel Marin, Maria Mehranian, and Dick Richardson

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Deborah Smith, Samuel Unger, Ronji Harris, Jack Price, Michael Levy, Stephen Cain, Paula Rasmussen, David Hung, Cassandra Owens, Veronica Cuevas, Don Tsai, Mazhar Ali, Michael Lyons, Thizar Tintut-Williams,, Rebecca Christmann, Cathy Chang, Raul Medina

Individuals whose Names Appear on the Sign-In Sheet

Mr. Phil Freiss, L.A. County Sanitation District	Ms. Amy Kinkley, Santa Monica Baykeeper
Ms. Ann Heil, L.A. County Sanitation District	Mr. Milind Desai, CH2m Hill
Mr. Craig Bishop, Kinder Morgan	Ms. W. Susie Santilena, Heal the Bay
Mr. Craig George, City of Malibu	Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay

Item 2. Order of Agenda.

- *The Board went into a Closed Session for discussion of Items 21.1, 21.2, 21.4, 21.6, and 21.8c, 21.8d, and 21.9.*

MOTION: To approve the Order of Agenda.

First: Board Member Maria Mehranian
Second: Board Member Dick Richardson
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

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Our mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

Item 3. Approval of draft meeting Minutes for May 7 - 8, 2009 Meeting. Board member Fran Diamond asked to continue the Draft Minutes until the July 16, 2009 meeting due to an error on the May 8 meeting voice vote. The Executive Assistant was asked to revisit the transcript and audio tape for clarification.

MOTION: To continue the draft meeting Minutes for May 7 – 8, 2009 Board meeting.

First: Board Member Fran Diamond

Second: Board Member Madelyn Glickfeld

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

Item 4. Board Member Communications.

There was no communication reported that constitutes disclosure for this item.

Item 5. Executive Officers Report

Report and Addendum Report was given to the Board. No verbal report was given at this meeting. The Report was posted on the Board's website:

www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb4/html/eo_reports/eo_reports.html

Item 5.b Board Checklist.

There was no discussion or questions regarding the Board Checklist.

Item 5.c Report from State Board.

State Board Chief Deputy Director Jonathan Bishop gave an update to the Board on Policy issues from the State Board, and sanitary sewer overflow requirements. The sanitary sewer overflow now requires electronic submissions, is now on the State Board website. Other issues included the landscape irrigation, that is anticipated to be brought to State Board for consideration in July 2009.

Mr. Bishop also gave an update on the Once through Cooling at the power plants, and an update on the State Board toxicity Policy. He indicated that the policy is moving forward in an effort to incorporate numeric limits and in an effort to change the toxicity approach.

Item 6. Public Forum.

- *Mr. Craig George, City of Malibu (Update on City of Malibu Integrated Management System and onsite Wastewater Management).*

Board Vice Chair Madelyn expressed her gratitude and thanked Mr. George for presenting updates on the City's progress at our monthly Board meetings. She asked Mr. George for assurance of accessibility of this data to Regional Board staff as necessary.

Uncontested Items Calendar.

MOTION: To deem non-controversial and approve Agenda Item(s): 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 19.

Chief Deputy Executive Officer Deborah Smith announced the consent items as follows: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 19 (since there were no cards for item 19).

Board Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld requested that item 19 be removed from consent due to concerns that she needed to have clarified by staff.

MOTION: To adopt the consent calendar as noted, removing item 19.

First: Board Member Steve Blois
Second: Board member Richardson
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

Item 19. Ultramar, Inc. (Marine Tank Farm)

Chair Mary Ann Lutz gave an Oath and Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld voiced her concerns.

- *Why do we have limits?*
- *Why does the CTR apply here and not in POTWs?*

Staff Counsel Michael Levy responded by stating that CTR applies to all waterbodies with aquatic life beneficial uses, and he gave clarification on chronic toxicity limitations.

MOTION: To adopt the permit as recommended by staff.

First: Board Member Fran Diamond
Second: Board Member Maria Mehranian
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

(Items 14, 15, and 17 were heard as a joint presentation.)

Item 14. Waste Discharge Requirements for Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (Valencia Water Reclamation Plant).

Item 15. Waste Discharge Requirements for Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (Saugus Water Reclamation Plant)

Item 17. Joint Outfall System (Pomona Water Reclamation Water Reclamation Plant)

Staff Report. Ms. Rebecca Christmann (*Ms. Christmann made but was not limited to the following points in her presentation*):

- To discharge tertiary treated waste water
- Pomona has dry weather capacity of 2 million gallons per day (gpd)
- All three plants have nitrification and denitrification

- Ground water occurs in underlying channels
- Talked about ground water recharge
- Talked about Water Quality Objectives
- Antidegradation Policy
- Discussed the Comments received and staff responses to the comments
- The discharger requested dilution credits
- Ocean Plan dilution allowed with approved factor
- The Valencia and Saugus permits expired October 10, 2008
- It is practicable to express monthly averages

Board concerns, questions and discussion.

- Where is staff in reviewing reports and engaging with County Sanitation District?
- In terms of data, what are the timeframes that we are looking at?
- Is there a plan to evaluate data?
- Concerns about algae blooms?
- Clarification that the Regional Board can reopen the permits once State Board has a Policy in place in January 2010?
- Asked clarification as to when the Dilution Studies will be completed?
- Asked how many years of testing will there be?
- Asked clarification on the differences between incidental recharge and planned recharge?

MOTION: To approve staff recommendation with change to page 14-118 (the first “may” to be changed to “will”). In addition, for the re-opener added, on page 15-96, paragraph K, and 17-142, paragraph K.

First: Board Member Dick Richardson

Second: Board Member Fran Diamond

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

Items 16 and 18 were presented as a joint presentation.

Item 16. Joint Outfall System Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant

Item 18. Joint Outfall System San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant

Staff Report. Ms. Rebecca Christmann (*Ms. Christmann gave a brief presentation making but was not limited to the following points.*)

- Both plants have completed upgrades for dinitrification
- Effluent limitations are consistent with Los Angeles River Metals TMDL
- The discharges are to outfalls 018, and 014

Mr. Phil Friess, Representing County Sanitation districts of Los Angeles County stated to the Board that he is in support of both permits and urged the Board to adopt the permits.

Public comment.

- Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay (requested year-round monitoring)

Board concerns, questions, and comments.

- How many years will there be testing at Whittier Narrows before implementing the process at your other plants?

MOTION: To approve staff recommendation, to adopt both permits.

First: Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld

Second: Board Member Steve Blois

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm. The Draft Minutes will be adopted at the July 16, 2009 Board meeting.

Written and submitted by: _____, then finalized on July 17, 2009.
Ronji R. Harris

